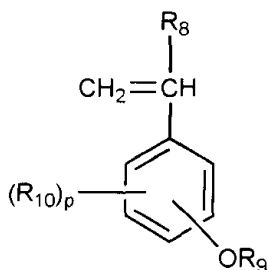


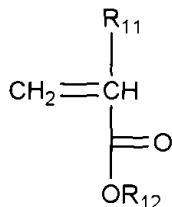
MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 3

3. (Amended) A process for the preparation of the alkenylphenol copolymer according to Claim 1 [or 2] in which a compound represented by Formula (IV) whose hydroxyl group of the phenol residue is protected



Formula (IV)

(wherein,  $\text{R}_8$  is hydrogen or methyl,  $\text{R}_9$  is a group to be eliminated and/or decomposed with an acid,  $\text{R}_{10}$  is alkyl having 1 to 5 carbons,  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2 and  $\text{R}_{10}$  is the same or different when  $p$  is 2) is polymerized, or a compound of Formula (IV) and a vinylaromatic compound are copolymerized, by anionic polymerization using an anionic polymerization initiator as a polymerization initiator, followed by copolymerization with a (meth)acrylic ester represented by Formula (V)



Formula (V)

(wherein,  $R_{11}$  is hydrogen or methyl, and  $R_{12}$  is a group having a t-butyl group and to be eliminated and/or decomposed with an acid); and the obtained block copolymer is treated with an acid reagent to eliminate and/or decompose only a specified amount of the group protecting the phenolic hydroxyl group.